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- (7) Other essential governmental service facility means museums, zoos, community centers, libraries, homeless shelters, senior citizen centers, rehabilitation facilities, shelter workshops and facilities which provide health and safety services of a governmental nature. All such facilities must be open to the general public.
- (f) Private nonprofit organization means any nongovernmental agency or entity that currently has:
- (1) An effective ruling letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, granting tax exemption under sections 501(c), (d), or (e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or
- (2) Satisfactory evidence from the State that the nonrevenue producing organization or entity is a nonprofit one organized or doing business under State law.
- (g) Public entity means an organization formed for a public purpose whose direction and funding are provided by one or more political subdivisions of the State.
- (h) Public facility means the following facilities owned by a State or local government: any flood control, navigation, irrigation, reclamation, public power, sewage treatment and collection, water supply and distribution, watershed development, or airport facility; any non-Federal aid, street, road, or highway; and any other public building, structure, or system, including those used for educational, recreational, or cultural purposes; or any park.
- (i) Standards means codes, specifications or standards required for the construction of facilities.

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§ 206.222 Applicant eligibility.

The following entities are eligible to apply for assistance under the State public assistance grant:

- (a) State and local governments.
- (b) Private non-profit organizations or institutions which own or operate a private nonprofit facility as defined in §205.221(e).
- (c) Indian tribes or authorized tribal organizations and Alaska Native villages or organizations, but not Alaska

Native Corporations, the ownership of which is vested in private individuals.

§ 206.223 General work eligibility.

- (a) General. To be eligible for financial assistance, an item of work must:
- (1) Be required as the result of the major disaster event,
- (2) Be located within a designated disaster area, and
- (3) Be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant.
- (b) Private nonprofit facilities. To be eligible, all private nonprofit facilities must be owned and operated by an organization meeting the definition of a private nonprofit organization [see § 206.221(f)].
- (c) *Public entities*. Facilities belonging to a public entity may be eligible for assistance when the application is submitted through the State or a political subdivision of the State.
- (d) Facilities serving a rural community or unincorporated town or village. To be eligible for assistance, a facility not owned by an eligible applicant, as defined in §206.222, must be owned by a private nonprofit organization; and provide an essential governmental service to the general public. Applications for these facilities must be submitted through a State or political subdivision of the State.
- (e) Negligence. No assistance will be provided to an applicant for damages caused by its own negligence. If negligence by another party results in damages, assistance may be provided, but will be conditioned on agreement by the applicant to cooperate with FEMA in all efforts necessary to recover the cost of such assistance from the negligent party.

§ 206.224 Debris removal.

- (a) Public interest. Upon determination that debris removal is in the public interest, the Regional Director may provide assistance for the removal of debris and wreckage from publicly and privately owned lands and waters. Such removal is in the public interest when it is necessary to:
- (1) Eliminate immediate threats to life, public health, and safety; or
- (2) Eliminate immediate threats of significant damage to improved public or private property; or